

REMARKS

Initially, applicant would like to thank Examiner Nadav for granting an interview and for his time spent during the interview.

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 2-5, 8, 16-23, 31 and 32 were previously pending in the application. Claims 16-23 are canceled. Therefore, claims 2-5, 8, 31 and 32 are presented for consideration.

Claims 2, 4, 31 and 32 were rejected as unpatentable over applicant's disclosed prior art in view of IRANMANESH et al. 6,177,691 or Chinese Patent (CN1239355). That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 31 and 32 are amended as suggested in the interview and recite at least four separate power supply lines.

As set forth in the interview, applicant's disclosed prior art Figure 34 shows only three power supply lines. Both the IRANMANESH reference and the Chinese reference show only two power supply lines GND and VDD.

The above noted feature is missing from each of the references, is absent from the combination, and thus, would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

Claim 3 was rejected over Applicant's disclosed prior art in view of IRANMANESH and the Chinese patent and further in view of FUJII et al. 6,707,139. That rejection is respectfully traversed.

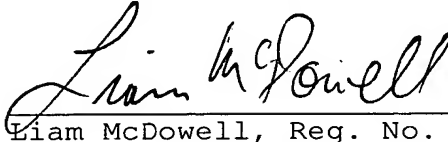
The FUJII reference is only cited for the disclosure of a mutual connection line for connecting power lines having equal potentials. FUJII does not disclose what is recited in claim 31. As set forth above, Applicant's disclosed prior art in view of IRANMANESH and the Chinese patent do not disclose what is recited in claim 31. Since claim 3 depends from claim 31 and further defines the invention, claim 3 is believed patentable at least for depending from allowable independent claim.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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